Government has issued orders making it mandatory for Export Oriented Units (EOUs) and Units in Special Economic Zones to declare the multi-country origin of the product on the packets.

Indian fishery export

1252. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any studies have been conducted on the impact of new import policy of USA (anti dumping act) on Indian fishery export;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the steps taken to project the export sector;

(c) the fishery export during the last three years, State-wise, category-wise and year-wise;

(d) whether any steps would be taken to protect the prawn export industry of Kerala from the adverse impact of the import policy of USA; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Anti-dumping legislation has been in existence in almost all countries, including the USA and India, Anti-dumping duties can be imposed by a country against imports based solely on the price aspect. It is reported that the Southern Shrimp Alliance (SSA) of USA may file an Anti-dumping action against selected shrimp exporting countries, including India, in the USA. However, once the petition is filed, there will be preliminary hearing on the issue. Depending upon the final verdict of the case, duties could be levied. The Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI) has hired a le.gal firm in the USA to defend Indian shrimp exporters. The SEAI has also taken steps to conduct necessry data collection and preparation of brief to counter the case.

(c) The State-wise figures of marine products exports are not maintained. However, the major country-wise and major variety-wise export of marine products during the last three year, as per inofrmation available, are as follows:

(i) Major country-wise exports of marine products

Value: In Million US$

Country	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
USA	255.93	299.05	424.51
Japan	562.75	383.07	317.17
European Union	225.37	241.01	287.84
China	181.86	125.66	158.23
South East Asia	101.76	113.35	133.15
Middle East	41.39	38.10	42.40
Others	47.26	53.11	61.60
TOTAL	1416.32	1253.35	1424.90

(ii) Major variety-wise exports of marine products

Value: In Million US$

Item	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Frozen Shrimp	985.00	871.03	953.44
Frozen Fin Fish	192.25	150.04	174.63
Frozen Cuttle Fish	63.52	58.93	86.37
Frozen Squid	71.31	69.36	79.83
Dried Items	15.39	14.30	17.46
Live Items	8.77	8.54	11.12
Chilled items	15.74	13.39	12.27
Others	64.34	67.76	89.78
TOTAL	1416.32	1253.35	1424.90

(d) and (e) The SEAI has been taking necessary steps to defend the interests of shrimp exporters of India, including Kerala.